

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Atchison Youth Residential Center to Close**

The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) and G4S Youth Services today announced the cancellation of the contract for the operation of the Youth Residential Center II on the grounds of the former Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility.

“This move is being taken as a result of the ongoing need for JJA to reduce its budget as a result of the state’s fiscal condition,” JJA Commissioner J. Russell Jennings said. “G4S has been a good partner to JJA in providing high quality essential and appropriate services since the YRC II opened in June 2009. However, JJA must take steps immediately to meet the 10% reduction in caseload reimbursement rates to realize the necessary savings for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010.”

Closure of the Atchison YRC II will not compromise the ability of JJA to continue to provide necessary residential services to youth at facilities in the remainder of the state. Approximately 38 youth currently reside at the Atchison facility. JJA and G4S will be working together closely and anticipate the youth will be transferred to another YRC II within the next several weeks. Operations at the Atchison facility are anticipated to conclude by the end of December 2009. Decisions regarding future utilization of the property are expected to involve appropriate local and state authorities.

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